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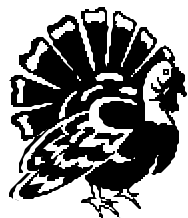
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. A fair volume of hens moved in the Central Region at steady prices and in the West a light volume of hens traded at higher trending prices. Hens for October shipment were offered at 65 cents. Trading light on bulk meats and parts. Spot loads of fresh tom breast meat were available. Supplies of most hen and tom parts were tight.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fair, centering on tom drums and tom full cut wings. One container of defatted gizzards moved at 53 cents delivered port. Some buyer resistance was noted at current asking prices.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 16, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.8	SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	62	62.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	62	62.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	62	62.00	840	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	65	65.00	120	-	-	-	120	SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2003.

The fresh tom breast meat market was mostly steady, balance of fresh white meat was steady to fully steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat was slow to fair with some buyers not as aggressive as previous weeks, moderate on the balance of fresh white meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged light to adequate, balance of fresh white meat light. The undertone on tom bulk parts, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand fair to good for the limited offerings. Trading light on all items. For domestic: 10-14 lb. plan grade non-basted breasts 90, 14-16 lb. plant grade non-basted breasts 95, 16-18 lb. Grade A frozen non-basted WOGs 60, defatted gizzards 62 and livers 17 cents delivered pet foods. Some tom necks traded at 17.50 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	85.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	136.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	85.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	37.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-28.00		25.69	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00-37.00		35.57	56
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	69.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	17.33	120
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00		168.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	89.47	102
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	87.71	28
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	78.00	8
SCAPULA MEAT	69.00		69.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	96.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	90.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	118.92	36
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	21.41	287
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-39.00		38.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	27.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.50		25.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	88.00	60

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

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The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to about steady and fresh destrapped tenderloins mostly steady. Spot premiums were noted on parts loads of fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins due to freight considerations. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings were mixed with spot availability noted for both prompt and deferred shipments. The bulk parts, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey undertone continued steady to firm with supplies generally held with confidence. Demand moderate. Interest for fresh hen drums went unfilled. Domestic trading was light and centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins with -6 months age, fresh tom breast meat and tom bulk parts. Export trading light and centered on bulk parts. Some companies in the East continued to prepare for landfall of hurricane Isabel with some companies closing Thursday due to the storm.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	87.00		87.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	136.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	79.00		79.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	37.00-40.00		38.83	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	37.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	37.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-30.00		29.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00-38.00		37.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	69.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	167.00-181.00		170.25	160
THIGH MEAT		F	89.47	102
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	89.00-90.00		89.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	78.00	8
SCAPULA MEAT	67.00		67.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	96.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	85.00		85.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	125.00		125.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-43.50		41.70	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	40

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/17/03

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	1,000	55,404	55,404
2002-2003	12,581	122,505	122,755